

YANKEES ABOARD VESSEL WRECKED BY A SUBMARINE

MARINE WARFARE IS AGAIN VERY ACTIVE

Besides the Torpedoing of Several Vessels, With Loss of Life, German and British Armed Merchantmen Fight a Battle Resulting in Both Being Sunk. Verdun is Set Afire by Artillery Duelling

By JOHN H. HEARLEY

(United Press Correspondent)

BOULOGNE, March 24.—Two Americans are missing and it is estimated that fifty people are dead as a result of the wrecking of the steamer Sussex in the North Sea near Dipeppe late yesterday afternoon. Three Americans declare they saw a torpedo hit the vessel.

At least twelve Americans, including myself, were aboard when the explosion occurred. The Sussex reached this port this morning under her own steam. There were 350 passengers aboard at the time of the explosion.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 25.—Consul Armstrong at Bristol, England, cabled the government that four Americans are believed lost as a result of the torpedoing of the liner Englishman.

By C. P. STEWART

(United Press Correspondent)

LONDON, March 25.—The most serious international situation since the Lusitania sinking seems imminent as a result of the Sussex and Englishman disasters, according to British officials. French dispatches indicate the Sussex was torpedoed. The American embassy is investigating.

The admiralty says the German raider Greif and the British merchant cruiser Alcantara were both sunk in a battle in the North Sea February 29. The Greif torpedoed the British vessel, and was sunk by gun fire from the Alcantara.

United Press Service

BERLIN, March 25.—Verdun is reported to be combatting flames caused by artillery fire. There are no important changes on the western front.

Dodd Hollow Lad is the County's Best Speller

Dodd Hollow has again jumped into the limelight. This time, however, its fame is of a more desirable type than has been attained through the recounting of testimony in the trial of A. Ernest Lawrence.

Dodd Hollow is the residence of the best speller in Klamath county's schools. He is Harold Todd, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Todd, and a seventh grader at the Dodd Hollow school.

The contest for the Klamath county championship, held at the opera house last night, proved of interest to hundreds. The opera house was packed to full capacity, and the contest was closely followed by all. Nearly every district having contestants entered was represented by a delegation of pupils and patrons, all enthusiastic.

The improvement in spelling brought about by the contest was marveled at by many. The spelling book used in the schools was used, but when all the difficult words in this book were used, there were still eight contestants who had not mis-

Officers Who Lead Hunt for Villa



CAPT. BENJAMIN D. FOULOUS



GEN. FREDK. FUNSTON



GEN. J. J. PERSHING



GEN. JAMES PARKER

General Funston is in general command of the hunt for Villa. General Pershing, now at Columbus, will be in command in the field, and will enter from that New Mexico city raided March 9, by Villa. He knows the Mexican country, for he served in the campaign against the Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico thirty years ago. General Parker, who heads the expedition from Douglas,

Palms Drop First of Series

First blood in the three-meeting series between the Palms and the Elks was drawn by the Elks on their own alleys last night, when they defeated the Palms two out of three games. The second games of the series will be rolled Tuesday at the Palm alleys.

There are five men teams entered, as follows: Elks—VanBellen, Lennox, Rogers, Hayden and Lawrence. Palms—Dale, Kent, Carnahan, Wright, Lavenk and Upp.

Strom Does Not Stop the Crowd

In spite of the storm last night, a large crowd gathered at the Pavilion to hear the Vesseyes and the big chorus sing and Mr. Mathis preach. The song and praise service began at 7:15, and the sermon at 7:30 in order to finish in time for the spelling match at the opera house. The chorus loft was nearly filled, and the music never sounded better. Mr. Vessey also sang a solo, and rounds of applause followed the dying out of his rich, mellow voice.

Mr. Mathis spoke on "Sin" and used as his text the twenty-third verse of the third chapter of Romans, "All Have Sinned and Come Short of the Glory of God." He invited attention to some of the great Bible characters who committed grievous sins. He first spoke of Judas, who betrayed his Savior for thirty pieces of silver, and who was later driven to suicide to escape the torture of his own conscience.

Saul was the next great example referred to. "Saul took that which did not belong to him, and thought he could satisfy the Lord by offering up some of his ill gotten gain. Many men are trying to do the same thing today," he said.

David was the next referred to, and Pharaoh the last spoken of. "Pharaoh stood between God and the people. If there is a blacker, darker or hotter place in hell, it is for the man who will prevent other men from becoming Christians," he said.

Mr. Mathis will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on "The Second Mile," one of his best sermons, which should be heard by everybody. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a special meeting for women only. At 7:30 the large children's chorus will render a concert, with preaching services at 8 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

EVIDENCE ALL GIVEN IN THE LAWRENCE TRIAL

The case will be submitted to the jury this evening.

The trial of A. Ernest Lawrence on charge of shooting Mrs. Alma Kuehne during the Dodd Hollow battle last December is now in its final stages. All evidence was finished shortly after 11 this morning, and this afternoon the arguments were started.

If the arguments are completed in time, the case will go to the jury tonight. If, however, the lengthy arguments will not be completed this afternoon, the case will continue over to Monday, and then the arguments will be completed, the jury instructed by the judge, and the jury will retire to reach a verdict.

The general opinion is that there will be no conviction of Lawrence. Bets that there will be either an acquittal or a disagreement and no takers.

Horace M. Manning made the state's opening argument today, in which he reviewed the state's evidence and the circumstances connected with the case to prove that Lawrence undoubtedly shot Mrs. Kuehne in cold blood. He waxed eloquent in his talk, as did W. H. A. Renner, who followed Manning, and who pointed out an opposite theory of the affair, holding that while Mrs. Hunter stated that she fired out the window at Mrs. Kuehne when she saw that woman aiming a gun at her, the nature of the bullet wound indicated that neither Mrs. Hunter nor Lawrence, but the dead woman's son, fired the bullet which caused her demise. He also scored young Kuehne as the one who started the trouble, grilled some of the state's witnesses as people anxious to get Lawrence out of that section, and held that Kuehne, not Lawrence and the Hunters, should be the one held to answer for the occurrences that morning.

The courtroom was jammed long before the afternoon session of court began. Even the stairway leading to the courtroom was crowded at times, making it necessary for the court bailiffs to disperse these throngs.

Following the recess yesterday afternoon, Onell questioned Lawrence very closely regarding his actions in taking the gun away from Mrs. Kuehne. The witness steadily denied striking Mrs. Kuehne, or cursing her at that time.

"When you erected those buildings on the property of Mrs. Kuehne, did not she strenuously object to your doing so?" asked Onell. The answer was a vehement negative.

"Didn't she say, in the presence of W. H. Todd, when excavation was being made for the cellar, that she did not want the buildings on her land?" came next. This was not answered, following an objection by the defense. The state then sought to impeach Lawrence's testimony as to not driving Mrs. Kuehne from the place, but the series of questions prepared for this purpose by the state were barred.

The defense rested at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. W. H. Todd was called in rebuttal by the state, but the state's questions as to whether Todd had ever heard Lawrence say anything to Mrs. Kuehne regarding her keeping off the homestead was ruled out, upon objection that it was an attempt to impeach the witness upon an immaterial issue, and this improper rebuttal.

An attack upon the reputation for truth of J. O. Swindler, one of the defense's "threat" witnesses was made by the state when court convened this morning. W. H. Todd, O. Seal, Jas. L. Norton, Mrs. Seal, Dorsey Johnson and William Teeman all swore that Swindler's reputation for truth and veracity is bad.

Norton also stated that he sold the improvements, and relinquishments on the disputed homestead, saying Mrs. Kuehne paid him \$500. He also stated that there was thirty-five acres of ground cleared at the time he relinquished, this being cleared by himself and Wash Adams.

Teeman also stated that he knew Lawrence in San Francisco, that Law-

Mexian Who May Rule Nation and His Bride



General Obregon and Senora Obregon

General Obregon has just been named war minister by Carranza, and it has been reported that he was on his way to Juarez to look personally into the entrance into Mexico of the

American soldiers under General John J. Pershing. He was recently married. Obregon is looked upon by the Mexicans as the natural successor to the presidency of Mexico, if Carranza is compelled to give up power.

rence had no money when he came here, and that since going on the homestead Lawrence and Kuehne have cleared only an acre and a half of land. Cross examined, Teeman said he is staying with Andrew Kuehne, and that he has feeling against Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Beals admitted there is some friction between themselves and Swindler over an account Swindler seeks to have collected by an attorney.

The state then attempted to impeach the testimony of Mrs. Hunter by bringing out what she told Deputy Sheriff Durham, Henry Stout and others regarding the shooting. The defense's objection that Mrs. Hunter answered all of these questions by the statement that she did not know what she said at that time, was sustained. Prosecutor Irwin persisted in asking the questions in different forms, however, until Judge Kykendall warned him if he continued to ask those questions after they had been ruled out, he would be in contempt of court.

Durham stated that Mrs. Hunter (Continued on page 4)

Moore's Return. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, and Mrs. C. S. Moore returned last night from a sojourn of several months in Southern California. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Charles Moore was Miss Marguerite Dunbar.

WILLARD'S BEFORE-THE-BATTLE STATEMENT

United Press Service NEW YORK, March 25.—"I am going to knock Moran out in the shortest possible order. His right never will get near enough to hurt me. I never in my life was in better shape than I am today for the Moran fight. I have trained down almost to ringside and expect to enter the ring weighing about 245 pounds, a reduction of fifty pounds. I will rest up for about a month after beating Moran and then go out again with the circus."—Jess Willard.

FALL WOULD MAKE EXPEDITION GET VILLA OR FIGHT

FUNSTON MAY ASK FOR MORE TROOPS

Sensational Statements Are Being Made Regarding the Administration's Attitude Regarding Situation Along the Border—Border Towns Are Insisting That Troops Be Sent for Protection

United Press Service

EL PASO, March 25.—Senator Fall, who arrived here last night, threatens to bombard the senate with measures to force a clean-up in Mexico if the American expedition is withdrawn without getting Villa. He declares nobody from the border is allowed to tell the president the real situation, as Wilson refuses to see any delegations.

United Press Service

SAN ANTONIO, March 25.—General Funston may be compelled to ask for more troops as a result of the flood of urgent demands for protection coming in from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona border towns. Headquarters intimates that the war department may call the militia of the three states to patrol the border, but Funston is reluctant regarding this, fearing it would inflame the Carranzistas.

The vanguard of the American forces is now 230 miles from the border.

General Gavia today told the United Press that Villa's main force is in Santa Clara canyon, and is nearly surrounded, Dadd's cavalry being just behind him.

The only avenue of escape is the eastern entrance to the canyon, which is nearly 300 miles long. Carranza forces are said to be near the eastern entrance.

FRANK MORAN'S 'JUST-BEFORE' STATEMENT

United Press Service NEW YORK, March 25.—"If I feel as good when I enter the ring as I do this minute I have no doubt I will be returned a winner, whether the fight goes ten rounds or not. I have never before felt the agility and health that I have now. Willard has never been accused of being anything but a fair boxer. Speed is usually a lacking quality in a man of such huge size."—Frank Moran.

CITY BEAUTIFUL CONTEST COMING

PRIZES ARE TO BE AWARDED FOR GREATEST AMOUNT OF IMPROVEMENT DONE IN ANY LOCAL YARD

A new civic improvement movement is to be conducted this summer by the combined forces of the Commercial club, Woman's Library club and the Federation of Young People's clubs. This is to encourage the improvement of residence property, and suitable prizes will be awarded the winners.

Persons desiring to enter can register at the Commercial club before May 1. At the time of registration, a photograph will be taken of the premises of each entrant. September 1 the contest closes, and the committee will judge all the entries to determine the greatest amount of improvement, in any manner, made.

Pictures will be taken of the winning yards also, and the "before and after" views will be made into stereoscopic slides, and shown in the picture shows as an example of what can be accomplished in this way.

All is in Readiness for Big Heavyweight Bout

By THE SPORT SEER (Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, March 25.—The scene is set in Madison Square Garden.

With almost reverend awe the ringside flunkies have tested the ropes, jarred the floor for possible flaws and burnished the sacred water buckets.

Jess Willard and Frank Moran meet tonight.

The ten-round bout between the giants of the ring has all New York, a station of some few hundred souls, tingling with expectancy.

A considerable outside section of the so-called civilized world is also straining its ears for ringside tidings. Charley White, referee of the costliest ten-round tussle ever planned, has his counter in trim. He is ready to toll ten over either gladiator with almost brutal impartiality.

Willard will send full many a member of the clan Moran supperless to bed for nights and nights to come if he stops the blonde from Pittsburgh in the evening shadows.

Those who saw Moran beat Jim Coffey over the knockout course twice in the same ring were so strongly impressed with his haymaking right that they plunged even before Big Jess bestowed his bulk on Broadway. Later they felt tremors about the bank roll and these tremors have become acute pains as the big battle draws near.

Willard is powerful long on size and strength and it is inconceivable to many persons that anything less than a Baldwin runabout can carry a kick of sufficient force to bounce him into dreamland.

It ought to be a real fight. Moran has nothing to gain by stalling ten rounds with Willard. He could have gone on in New York obtaining fairly copious punes for fighting mediocre manlers had he not chosen to take on Willard. Now that he has done so the road to fortune's wealth is clear, except for Jess Willard.

All that Moran has to do is to flatten the Kansas giant. He ought to (Continued on page 5)